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CONTINUING APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL
RULE 1.53(b)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a

Continuation

Divisional

Continuation-in-Part

application of prior pending Application No. 09/592,918, filed June 13, 2000, which in turn is a Division of Application No. 09/099,461 filed June 18, 1998 now U. S. Patent No. 6,130,805 issued October 10, 2000.

For (Title): THIN FILM MAGNETIC HEAD AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

By (Inventors): Yoshitaka SASAKI, Atsushi IIJIMA, Kazumasa FUKUDA

1. A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached. The attached Declaration and Power of Attorney is:
 - a. A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the parent application. (Used with the same or fewer inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application or (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter.)
 - b. A new Declaration and Power of Attorney. (Used with the same, fewer or additional inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application, (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter, or (c) a new specification.)
2. The filing fee is calculated below:

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4. Formal drawings (Figs. 1a-45) are attached.
 Use Figure for front page of Publication.

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5. Priority of foreign applications No. 9-317816 filed November 19, 1997 in Japan and No. 10-119134 filed April 28, 1998 in Japan are claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and/or §365(b).
 The certified copy was filed in prior Application No. 09/099,461 on September 8, 1998.
 A certified copy of the above foreign application(s) is filed herewith.

6. Priority of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No. _____ filed _____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
(A Preliminary Amendment is attached to reflect the claim of benefit in the specification if not already present.)

7. The prior application is assigned of record to TDK CORPORATION recorded at Reel 9454, Frame 0139.

8. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application
(37 C.F.R §1.53(b)(1)). Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior application:

9. A Preliminary Amendment is attached. The Preliminary Amendment amends the specification to reflect the continuation data. Claims added by this Amendment are properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claim in the application and claims canceled are identified in the listing of claims.

10. An Information Disclosure Statement is attached.

11. Small entity status:
 a. Entitlement to small entity status is asserted.
 b. Small entity status is no longer claimed.

12. Other: Transmittal of Certified Translation.

13. This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 112(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

14. The power of attorney in the application is to James A. Oliff, Registration No. 27,075, William P. Berridge, Registration No. 30,024, Kirk M. Hudson, Registration No. 27,562, Thomas J. Pardini, Registration No. 30,411, Edward P. Walker, Registration No. 31,450, Robert A. Miller, Registration No. 32,771, Mario A. Costantino, Registration No. 33,565, Stephen J. Roe, Registration No. 34,463, Joel S. Armstrong, Registration No. 36,430, Christopher W. Brown, Registration No. 38,025, Richard E. Rice, Registration No. 31,560, Paul Tsou, Registration No. 37,956, and/or Eric D. Morehouse, Registration No. 38,565.
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TRANSMITTAL OF CERTIFIED TRANSLATION

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with Patent Office rules which require the Continuation Application to be filed with the same subject matter as that of the parent application, the originally filed Japanese Application is filed as well as the verified English translation filed on September 8, 1998 for application No. 09/099,461 filed June 18, 1998, now U. S. Patent No. 6,130,805 issued October 10, 2000. The verified English translation has been amended to include the Continuation data and replace the claims.

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